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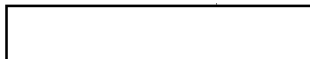
REMARKS

1. The tank instruction regiment in Burg, officially referred to as VPD Burg, C-Lehrkommando, is located at the former Waldfrieden airfield, about 7 km east of Burg. Since August 1953, the superior headquarters of the installation has been TV Potsdam. Prior to that date, the school had been assigned to TV Schwerin. 1
2. The tank instruction regiment consisted of the 1st Bn which included tank commanders and gunners; the 2d Bn which included the loaders; and the 3d Bn which consisted of tank drivers. The 3d Bn consisted of the 1st through 3d Instruction Companies for T-34 tanks, a 4th Instruction Company for model SU-76 guns, and a 5th Company with 3 platoons each equipped with 12 to 15 T-34 tanks and 2 platoons equipped with about 15 model SU-76 SP guns. The instruction regiment had a total strength of 900 to 1000 men. 2
3. Officers assigned to the regiment included:

Lieutenant Colonel Schliwinski, commanding officer of the regiment;
 Lieutenant Colonel Amsel, deputy commanding officers;
 Senior Lieutenant Kaemmerer, CO, 3d Bn; he replaced Captain Karpinski who was dismissed in August 1953;
 Senior Lieutenant Sommer, PK officer; he replaced Senior Lieutenant Pflegl;
 Senior Lieutenant Voll, chief of staff;
 Junior Lieutenant Krause, CO, 1st Co; he replaced Senior Lieutenant Brunner;
 Senior Lieutenant Vieth, CO, 4th Co;
 Junior Lieutenant Brandt, CO, 5th Co;
 Senior Lieutenant Rux, political officer of the 5th Co. 3
4. On 21 August, about 40 tank drivers were detached from Burg to Torgelow where they were to take over T-34 tanks and model SU-85 SP guns. A total of 24 T 34/85 tanks and a wrecker tank of the same type were also taken over from Tank Instruction Regiment Schmidt, Spechtberg, in Torgelow. Six model SU-85 SP guns which came from a unit in Droegeheide and 6 other

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model SU-85 tanks which arrived by rail from Prora were also taken over by the detail from Burg. All the equipment was loaded in Eggesin the evening of 1 September. The equipment arrived in Burg in the night of 2/3 September where it was unloaded without delay. 4

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1. [] Comment. The existence of a Territorialverwaltung (TV) which is the equivalent of an Armeegruppe is unknown in Potsdam. It is correct that the tank instruction regiment in Burg was subordinate to former TV 5000 in Schwerin and was then assigned to Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam.

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2. [] Comment. It is believed that the organization of the regiment [] is no longer correct since the tank instruction regiment in Burg was made a tank regiment of a mechanized division.

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3. [] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Schliwinski and Lieutenant Colonel Ansel were previously known as being assigned to the KVP tank army.

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4. [] Comment. These statements confirm previous information according to which the Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam was mainly formed from personnel detached by Armeegruppe Nord. Tank Regiment Schmidt belongs to Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin. The tank SP regiment of Infantry Bereitschaft Prenzlau is stationed in Droschende. Bereitschaften Prenzlau and Prora have also detached personnel for the tank regiment of Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam which was organized in Oranienburg.

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